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To : Mr. Revell

From : Jm. O'Hara

Date 4/26/84

FOI/PA # 308,506

APPEAL #

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E.O. # 12,356

DATE 2/27/90

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(S-1) Appropriate Agency

Subject: COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF THE
NUGAN HAND BANK (NHB) CASE,
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION (FPC)
OO: FBIHQ

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PURPOSE: To provide a comprehensive summary of captioned case
with recommendations for review and approval by appropriate
FBIHQ officials

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SYNOPSIS: The NHB was a member of the NHG, which was initially
formed in Australia in the early 1970's by Francis John Nugan
The NHG empire collapsed financially
following the apparent suicide of Nugan on 1/27/80, coupled

Nugan was
facing criminal charges for defrauding shareholders and
Australian authorities have been unable to locate Hand.
Since October, 1978, the FBI has been providing FPC assistance
in the United States to Australian authorities based on
allegations that money obtained through organized crime
efforts from gambling and narcotics in Australia were being
laundered or transferred through the NHB; that the NHB was
washing money for corrupt Southeast Asian Government officials;
that the NHB was involved in the laundering of counterfeit
currencies; and that there was U.S. Central Intelligence
Agency (CIA) involvement with the NHB. On 10/19/82, CIA
advised the FBI and the Department of Justice (DOJ) that it
was not involved with the NHB. As of this date, the results

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Enclosures (3)

1-Mr. Colwell

1-Mr. Otto

1-Mr. Geer

1-Mr. Revell

1-Mr. Gilbert

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1-Mr. Clarke

1-Mr. Helterhoff

1-Mr. Klein

1-Mr. McWeeney

1-Mr. O'Hara

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1-Mr. Meyer

1-Mr. Meder

1-Liaison Unit,

Intelligence Division

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[REDACTED] Since the above observation, this FPC case has been supervised and investigation directed by the Terrorism Section in conjunction with [REDACTED] case. The results of the above [REDACTED] inquiries to date have indicated that [REDACTED]

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By letter dated 4/4/84 (copy attached), CIA advised FBIHQ that it has also received a request for information from [REDACTED] regarding instant case. In order to address the allegations of CIA involvement with NHB that [REDACTED] is certain to raise with the CIA, CIA requested that FBIHQ provide CIA with copies of [REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) That Mr. Revell, Assistant Director,
Criminal Investigative Division (CID), or his designated CID
representative, agree to [redacted]

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(2) That [redacted]
[redacted] Legal Attache Canberra, and if appropriate,
Legal Attache Canberra should [redacted]
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(3) That, if approved, the FBIHQ supervisory and investi-
gative responsibility of captioned FPC matter be officially assigned
to the Terrorism Section (TS), CID, based on the fact that since
September, 1982, this case has been supervised and investigations
directed by the TS, CID, in conjunction with the ongoing [redacted]
case. It is noted that the Fugitive/General Government Crimes Unit,
General Crimes Section, CID, which has the overall FPC Program
responsibility, prepared instant memorandum. (U)

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(4) That, if approved, the TS, CID, [redacted]
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(5) That the TS, CID, determine if the information requested by the CIA in their 4/4/84 letter is in fact in the possession of the FBI, and if so, determine from the Legal Counsel Division if said information can be turned over to the CIA. (U)

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(6) That the TS, CID, upon the determination of recommendation number 5, respond to instant CIA letter. (U)

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DETAILS: The NHB was a member of the NHG which was initially formed and incorporated in Australia in the early 1970's by Francis John Nugan, an Australian citizen, and [redacted] a U.S. citizen, born [redacted] at New York City, who relocated in Australia in 1967. Prior to 1967 [redacted]

(S) [redacted] the NHG expanded internationally and reportedly had representative offices or locally incorporated companies operating in at least fifteen countries, including three administrative NHG centers located in Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney, Australia. (U)

Maurice Bernard Houghton, a U.S. citizen, born 7/25/20, played a key role in the NHG international expansion. Houghton, a former member of the U.S. Naval Intelligence, relocated in Australia in 1967 and established a relationship with Hand. Houghton was directly involved in the recruitment of a number of U.S. citizens hired by the NHG from 1977 to 1980 who were retired, high-ranking U.S. military personnel or former U.S. Government officials. In 1979, he opened the NHG office in Saudi Arabia. Set forth below are the identities of some of the more prominent U.S. citizens hired or retained by the NHG:

Admiral Earl P. Yates, retired, who was the president of the NHG from 1977 to 1980.
Brigadier General Edwin Block, retired.
General Erle Cocke, retired.
General LeRoy Manor, retired.
William Colby, the former CIA Director.

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[redacted]

The NHG financially collapsed following the apparent suicide of Nugan at Sydney, Australia, on 1/27/80, coupled with [redacted] At the time of his death, Nugan, age 37, was facing criminal charges for defrauding shareholders. While Nugan's death was officially ruled a suicide, many believed he was actually murdered. Nugan's body was discovered by the police in his car parked on a highway located outside of Sydney. He had died from a gunshot wound to the head and a rifle that belonged to him was located in the car next to his body. It was argued unsuccessfully that Nugan did not commit suicide since only a contortionist could have shot himself in the head with a rifle; his fingerprints were not found on the rifle, and on the day of his death he was completing negotiations for the purchase of a \$2,200,000 country estate. Following Nugan's death, [redacted]

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On 10/20/78, [redacted]

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After Nugan's apparent suicide, [redacted] and the NHG financial collapse, our Records Management Division received numerous FOIA requests from Australian journalists concerning the FBI's investigation into the NHB activities. In response, 119 pages of heavily excised documents were released to the above requestors. As an apparent result, The Sydney Morning Herald in September, 1980, wrote four articles insinuating that the FBI was conducting a substantive investigation of the NHB,

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had not fully cooperated with Australian authorities, and that there was CIA involvement in the NHB. Furthermore, in September, 1982, three articles appeared in the Wall Street Journal containing references of CIA involvement in the NHB and that the FBI had information of value which it refused to release in order to hinder the current criminal investigation being conducted by the Australian Government. [REDACTED]

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On 9/7/82, the Terrorism Section, CID, detected an apparent connection between the NHB principals and the subjects and associates of the ongoing FBI Foreign Agent Registration Act investigation of [REDACTED]. Since September, 1982, this FPC case has been supervised and investigations directed by Terrorism Section in conjunction with [REDACTED] case. FBI investigation of [REDACTED] was initiated in 1976 concerning allegations that [REDACTED]

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Based on a DOJ request, on 10/19/82 CIA briefed and advised the Terrorism Section, FBIHQ, and DOJ that it was unable to locate any CIA records reflecting CIA involvement with the NHB. CIA further stated that the CIA has not utilized the NHB or any NHB branch for an official CIA operation. CIA noted that a number of CIA personnel, including former CIA Director William Colby, Robert Jansen and Walter McDonald have reportedly been associated with the NHB; however, any involvement with NHB on the part of these individuals was subsequent to their CIA employment. [REDACTED]

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On 11/15/82, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] by
communication dated 6/10/83 the Terrorism Section, CID, advised
our Alexandria Office that [REDACTED]

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By letter dated 4/4/84, the General Counsel, CIA, WDC, advised the CID that it had [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In order to address the allegation of CIA involvement with the NHB that [REDACTED] is certain to raise with the CIA, CIA requested that FBIHQ provide CIA with [REDACTED]

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To : Mr. Klein *[Signature]*
 From : G. O. Burton *[Signature]*
 Subject : NUGAN HAND BANK;
 FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION;
 OO: FBIHQ
 (BUFILE 163-45612)

Date 9/10/84

PURPOSE: To record documents provided to CIA representative concerning captioned matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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DETAILS: In conjunction with requests for information relating to captioned matter *[Redacted]* SSA *[Redacted]* provided copies of the following documents to *[Redacted]* Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, CIA, on 9/7/84:



- 1 - Mr. Burton
- 1 - Mr. Hunt

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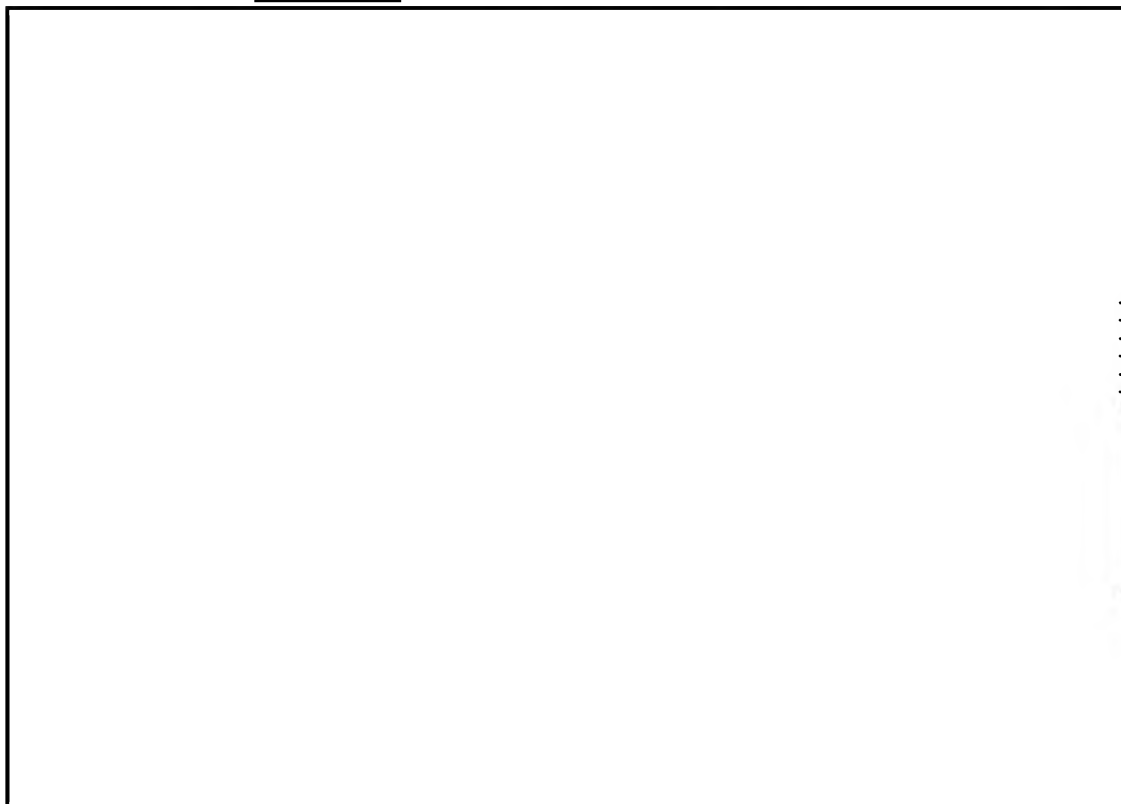
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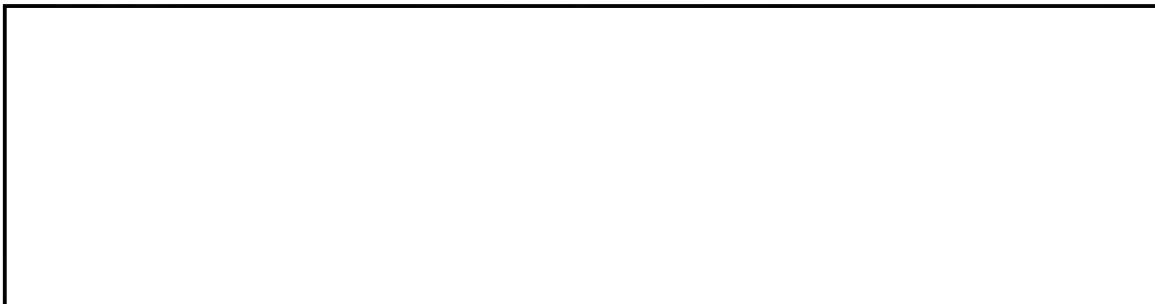
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: CID, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM UNIT NUMBER 3

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (163-438) (P)

NUGAN - HAND BANK
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION
(OO:FBIHQ)

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Re Alexandria airtel and LHM to the Bureau dated
8/30/84; Alexandria phone call of SA [redacted]
to Bureau Supervisor [redacted] on 10/22/84.

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The following background information is being
provided to the Kansas City Division (and to the Oklahoma
City Division, for information only) in connection with
leads being set forth herein to interview [redacted]

[redacted] through contact with his attorney.

[redacted] whose office is at [redacted]
(It is noted that attorney [redacted] has telephonically advised
that his client, [redacted] requests that such interview be
conducted at [redacted] office in [redacted])

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Background:NUGAN - HAND Bank:

The NUGAN - HAND Bank is a bank founded in about
1973, in Australia by an Australian lawyer, FRANCIS J.

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"FRANK" NUGAN. and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the late 1970's, this bank had branches throughout the world and had recruited several former high ranking U. S. military officers to fill various banking positions.

On January 27, 1980, NUGAN was found dead in Australia in his automobile from a rifle shot wound, with his death being subsequently officially ruled as a suicide. Following NUGAN's death, the bank was determined to be in serious financial difficulty and failed shortly thereafter. [REDACTED]

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also known as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] year old white male, originally of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] year old white male
who was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]
is a white female, age [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She
has recently been residing at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a white male, age [REDACTED]
who [REDACTED]

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is a white male Canadian, about

[REDACTED] years of age, who has resided at [REDACTED]

in the recent past. He has worked as [REDACTED]

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(It is noted that the files of the Alexandria
Division of the FBI reveal that [REDACTED])

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On [redacted] testified as
a Government witness at the Federal trial of [redacted]
in New York City, New York. During such testimony, he advised
that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] testified that he met [redacted] when seeking
to obtain [redacted]

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[redacted] believes that [redacted]

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[redacted] testified that [redacted]

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Attorney [REDACTED]

Attorney [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] Alexandria Division, on October 22, 1984, at his [REDACTED] office [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was advised of the FBI's interest in interviewing his client, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted his client in this regard and telephonically recontacted SA [REDACTED] at which time he advised that [REDACTED] would be happy to meet with the FBI in this regard however prefers to meet at Attorney [REDACTED] office in this regard. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] indicated that he does not know [REDACTED] and was not familiar with the NUGAN - HAND Bank. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] has met with [REDACTED] in the past but indicated that he does not recall meeting with [REDACTED] there.

(It is noted that Attorney [REDACTED] advised that he was [REDACTED]

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1. Contact Attorney []
and arrange for an interview of his client, []

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to obtain his responses to the following questions:

(a) Was he present at []

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(b) Does he know [] and/or recall
meeting [] or elsewhere
in the past, possibly in connection with [] acting
as []

[] has he had
any business association with [] and, if so, details
of such. Also, his knowledge of details of relationships between
[]

(c) Has he had any business association or dealings
of any nature, direct or indirect, with the NUGAN - HAND
Bank and specifically in connection with possible "back
to back" letters of credit in connection with contracts
associated with, or obtained through, []

(d) Did his business association with []

[] Does [] know of anyone who was a
NUGAN - HAND Bank client and, if so, his knowledge of any transactions.

(e) Does he know or does he recall ever meeting
FRANK NUGAN or [] if so, details of such association
or meeting.

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3. Submit results of interview of [] to the
Bureau and Alexandria in letterhead memorandum []
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